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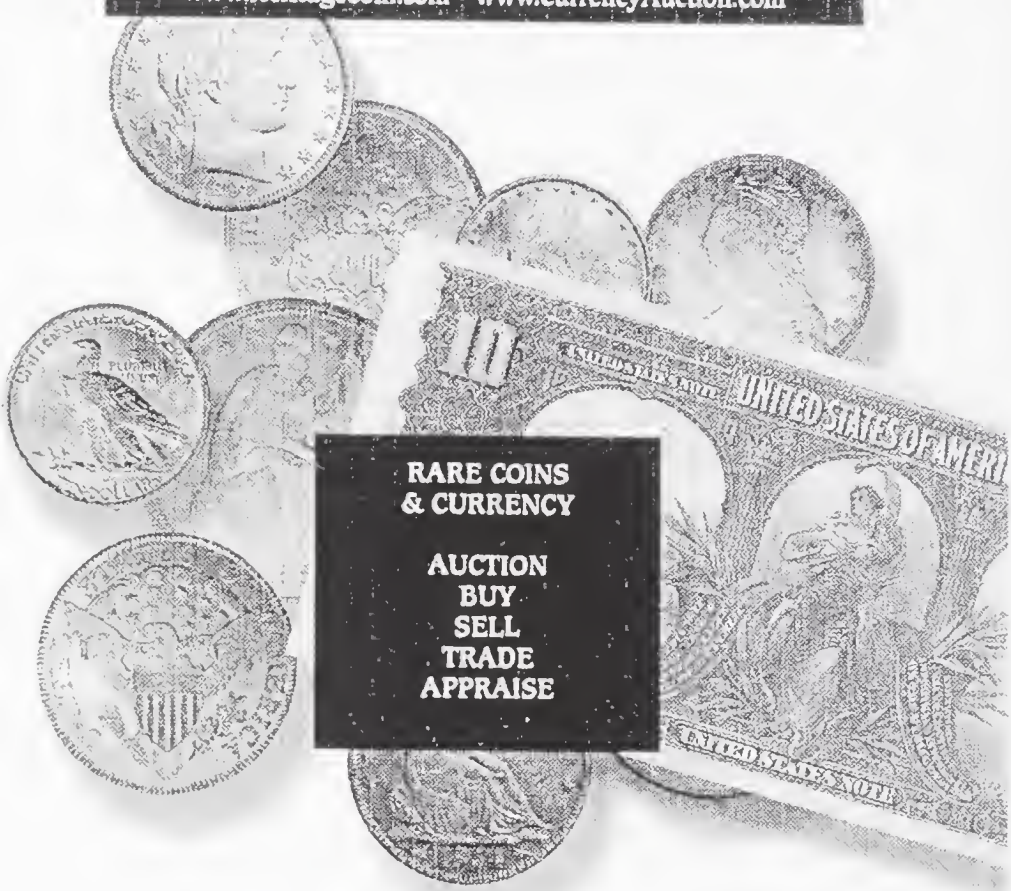

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TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Jerry Williams

The first weekend in October, we had our fall board meeting. There was a coin show in Mc Kinney that we were able to attend and have our meeting that evening. Mike Grant and Gary Hill reported our convention is all set for May 9, 10, and 11 of 2003 with a good number of tables already sold.

Ray reminded us that it was time to make our nominations of officers for our election in January 2003. We are going to have to replace all out officers. I can't run again. Mike and Gary are involved with the show and they have removed them self as officers. Ray and Gerry are retiring also so you can see we need lots of good leadership to run our state organization. Send our secretary your nominations and letters of exception.

Barbara and I just returned from a nice trip to Branson and St. Louis, Missouri. We saw a number of shows while in Branson. Then we went on to St. Louis where we did some sight seeing. We went to the Gateway Arch, the museum, the movie about the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and also the movie on the history behind the building of the Arch and the construction of it. The Arch, where the East meets the West, is 630 high and the same between each arm. We went to the top in something that felt like a space capsule. You should have seen me folding up to get into that little space and share it with three other people going up and four coming down. T he National Park is getting ready for the Bicentennial celebration next year of the Lewis and Clark Expo. Then we also visited the old courthouse that is now part of the National Park. They were having an art show with painting of National Parks in the United States. So much to see there, so if ! you go, plan on spending a whole day.

The next day, we visited the national headquarters of the Busch Beer. We took the tour through the plant. Part of the head quarters is a historical school house that Mr. Busch bought. The ground and building were beautiful and so interesting. They had a couple of the Clydesdale horses there and some of the honors that the horses have taken. Busch owns 250 Clydesdale horses now. I ask the price of one of them and the trainer said this one would sell for $20,000 plus. We were told that if we were interested, we should go to Grants Farm.

Grants Farm is located several miles from the brewery but still in the city. Mr. Busch bought it back in 1913 from the Grant family. Back in 1856, Colonel Dent bought 280 acres of farmland. Ulysses Grant was going to West Point at the time. He and the son of Colonel Dent became good friends. The son invited Grant to go home with him for a visit. Grant met and fell in love at first sight with Colonel Dent's daughter. They were married and the Colonel gave them 80 acres as a wedding present. They built a cabin on the property that still stands on the farm. As the years passed, Grant became owner of the whole 280 acres. We were able to ride by the cabin while on the tram ride around the farm. That is the same cabin that is on the Grant commemorative coin. They have many different animals running wild on the farm. The

grounds were all so neat with many flowers. The fence across the front of the p! roperty was made out of barrel's of guns that was used in the Civil War. We went through the stables and were able to see many of their horses and several of their wagon dogs, Dalmatian. Barbara had her picture made with one of the horses. It was such an interesting place and all of it was free, both the farm and the brewery head quarters.
The next day, there was the New Silver Dollar Show in St. Louis that was a real good buying show. There were about 250 dealers there. We went on Thursday and there was a light crowd but it picked up after that and was a good show over all. I found some coins to buy so I felt the trip was well worth it. It is always good to make the coin shows but its even better if you can see some of the area and take their special places. We had a great time.
The holidays will be here before you know it and so many things to do. Remember to nominate someone for office and also for awards this next year. So till next time, Jerry

And now.... A little Numismatic humor this was good and submitted with the Collin county club report.

There's a traveling salesman. One fine day he stops by a large retail chain to peddle his wares. To his surprise, the chain buys everything he has to offer. He then returns to his head office with the store's check in hand and receives a very large commission. Now it seems that his lifelong dream to finish his mint-state Mercury dime collection can be realized. The next week, he is traveling through a small town with only a single coin dealer. He goes into the shop and asks if the owner has a 1916D Mercury dime. The shop keeper does have one (and only one). He goes into the back while the salesman is looking around and gets from the safe a spectacular, toned 1916D. He shows the gem of a coin to the salesman. The sun coming in through the window radiates all the colors of the rainbow off the coin; the salesman is impressed. However, he asks the proprietor of the shop if he might have one that is not toned. The owner says he has another one in the back. He takes the coin from the salesman and slips into the back of the store and takes out his coin dip and dips the coin. It is now quite a nice blazing white BU. He brings this out to show the salesman. The salesman really likes the coin and mentions that he has had a good week lately and says "Great, I'll take both of them."

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin

ANOTHER YEAR COME AND GONE!

Yes, we will soon see another year gone. This year has been exciting, but not as eventful as the last one. Not only did our hobby maintain a high due to five more state quarters, but we saw the unique 1933 double eagle sold for over seven million dollars! This is truly an exciting time to be in the hobby. As we enter the last month of the year, I urge you to reflect on 2002 and give thanks for all the good that happened to you and all the lessons we all learned. Then, I urge you to look forward to 2003 and see what you can do in your life, both professionally and in the hobby to make a positive impact on others. This year, we will be holding elections for all officers and governors for TNA. Many of our current office holders will not be returning due to time constraints or term limits, so please consider running for an office or serving the association in some other capacity. Think about not only attending, but also placing an exhibit or otherwise helping with our annual convention in May in Ft. Worth. Above all else, think of how you can make a positive impact on our hobby and our association. As well as planning new leadership, it is also time to honor those who have gone above and beyond this past year. There is also a call for submissions for awards to be presented at the convention. Individuals may be nominated to receive the TNA Hall of Fame award, the Lewis Reagan Memorial award or other awards. Clubs can submit their newsletters for the TNA Oustanding Club Publication Award. Please take a few minutes and if you know of someone or a club deserving, please submit the information.

Whatever the new year brings, I hope you will all be able to have your hobby with you at all times and use it as it should be used, to further your enjoyment of life.

Also, I am again short of articles. If you would like to write, send me something!

If you would like to submit something, please see the deadlines below:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: RAYMOND E. WHYBORN

Welcome to new members R-6456-6457. No objections were received and these applicants became members on November 1st.

The following members and Chapters have applied for membership. If no objections are received from the membership, they will become members on January 1, 3003.

C-0224 - D-04 Bell County Coin Club, P.O. Box 151, Temple TX 76503, Club Pres: James M. Vaughn, Jr., Paul E. Garner

R-6458 - D-04 David Brackin, 420 East 7th Ave., Belton TX 76513, state quarters and silver eagles, Paul E. Garner

R- 6459 - D-04 James M. Vaughn, Jr., P.O. Box 151, Temple TX 76503, none stated, Paul E. Garner

R-6460 – D-12 Phillip Johns, 14429 High Meadows Dr., Tyler TX 75703, everything American, Paul E. Garner

R-6461 – D-01 Craig Pruscha, 424 Shelby Dr., Burleson TX 76028, BDA Patriot Coins, Gary Hill

R-6462- D-01 Stephen Gipson, 4454 Giraffe Rd., Gilmer TX 75644, U.S. Coins, Jerry Williams

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OFFICER/GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS and AWARD NOMINATIONS

In this issue the President has issued his call for nominations for officers to serve the Association for the period of 2003 through 2005. All Offices and Governors' terms expire in 2003. You have plenty off time to discuss potential candidates with your fellow members at your Chapter meetings, at cub meetings and at coin shows. This should not be not done without a great deal of thought. We have a fairly sizeable treasury to manage and we should be doing everything we can to attract others to our hobby, especially our youth. We need honest, reliable, dependable officers to serve the organization. We don't need those that volunteer to do anything and everything and then never do a thing. Just remember that every nominee must sign a statement agreeing to serve if elected.

Also, submit nominations for worthy recipients of the Lewis Reagan Memorial Award, the TNA Hall of Fame and clubs submit your newsletters for the Outstanding Club Publication award.

TREASURER'S REPORT
by: GERRY KAMMER

Balance Sheet--As of November 1, 2002

Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
FTB—Money Market		51,660.61
First Texas Bank (FTB)		
Youth Activities Fund	475.23	
Memorial Library Fund	707.58	
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00	
Coin's for A's	2,315.25	
First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	22,427.21	
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	26,925.27	
Total Checking/Savings		78,585.88
Accounts Receivable		
Lost Mail Deposit	51.00	
Total Accounts Receivable	51.00	
Other Current Assets		
CD--Clear Lake National Bank	50,000.00	
CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	30,000.00	
Total Other Current Assets	80,000.00	
Total Current Assets	158,636.88	
Total Assets	158,636.88	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
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A Medal of The RN Regina Elena, Italian Battlecruiser

By: Paul Garner

Obverse of Regina Elena Medal Reverse of Regina Elena Medal

The Reverse shows the RN Regina Elena, named after Queen Elena of Italy or "La Bella Elena" as she was known. In the field to the above right of the Regina Elena is the inscription PRO PATRIA ET REGE (For Country and King). In the upper left of the medal is the inscription R.N. Regina Elena. The Obverse shows the Arms of Italy (on the right) and what I believe to be the personal arms of Victor Emmanuel II. The inscription reads 21 April 1907. This medal was apparently struck privately to commemorate the visit of Queen Elena at the acceptance trials of the RN Regina Elena and was originally suspended on a ribbon showing the Italian national colors of Green, White and Red. The mintage is not known but is estimated to be less than 200 originally. It would have been given to officials and dignitaries as well as the skeleton crew participating in the acceptance trials. According to a specific gravity analysis, the medal is approximately .900 fine silver.

At the time that the RN Regina Elena was commissioned, Italy had a bigger naval fleet than the U.S. The Regina Elena class was the fastest and most heavily armed ship of its day, second only to the dreadnoughts of Gr. Britain.

Vittorio Emanuele III, King of Italy & Elena Petrovic-Niegos, Princess of Montenegro,

The RN Regina Elena, Italian Battlecruiser, in unknown harbor

Designed by Vittorio Cuniberti and evolving from a project to build an 8,000 ton ship protected with 6 inch armor and armed with twelve 8 inch guns. From this idea Cuniberti developed the Regina Elena class, with a high speed, the same 8 inch armament as the 8,000 ton project, plus the addition of two 12 inch main batteries. These ships when completed were faster then any capital ship afloat and more powerful then any cruiser, these ship's could be considered the first battlecruisers.

War Record of the Regina Elena class

1. operations in Italian-Turkish War:
2. operations against Tobruk Oct.5/11
3. shelling of Benghasi Oct.18-20/11
4. shelling of Derna and Benghasi Nov.10/11
5. shelling of Turkish forts on the Dardanelles Apr.18/12

Italy was occupied with Turkey, which knew of and resented her designs touching Libya and Asia Minor and had, for some time, shown herself inclined to grant, for due compensation, concessions to Germany which might enable her to act more independently toward the Entente powers.

The next point where Germany was due to make an effort was the Tripoli Coast, the only remaining strip of the North African Littoral, which was not yet in possession of a European State. Italy, however, had long had designs on this piece of land and, in fact, it had been a valuable part of the Roman Empire. Italy knew that the way to occupy it was to simply to move in and take over. Italy had experienced the vague promises of the other European powers and trusted them about as far as she could throw them. France had taken over Tunisia and Algeria, the regions originally promised her. Germany, was manifestly deeming herself on the way to becoming the protector not only of the Sultan of Morocco, but of the Sultan of Turkey, as well. And her past actions had shown that she was not serving him for naught. The concessions that she had obtained were an irrefutable proof of this. Another evidence of it was the growing insolence of the Turkish Government In its attitude toward Italian interests and Italian citizens in the regions under its

dominion. On top of this came the rumor that Germany had obtained from the Porte certain concessions in the regions on the North African Coast where Italian interests were paramount.

The relations between Italy and Turkey had for some time been strained, as those between Turkey and the other Members of the Triplice had grown more intimate, if not more friendly. Italy's interests in Tripoli, which had been recognized by the Powers at the Algeciras Conference, and in the Adalia regions where she had secured railway and incident concessions, were becoming more and more established, and Turkey began to pursue a more hampering policy. Whatever might appear on the smooth outer surface, Italy's part in the Algeciras Conference had been distinctly opposed by Germany,. Italy had proceeded busily with the design of carrying through in Tripoli a successful commercial penetration, which would, she hoped, meet the just wishes of the Arabs, and spare her the labors and expenditures of a military conquest. She had many emigrants there and had established there not only trading-posts, but had set to work to develop the resources of the country to benefit both Italy and the native Arabs. Italy started Banks, established an Italian steam ship line, projected a Railway, and endeavored to open up the back country by connecting the oases with the settlements on the coast.

When the Young Turks came to power in the Autumn of 1908 the situation changed. They proposed to establish a new régime under which the Turkish Empire would no longer permit foreign powers to exploit Turkey. They had lost Bosnia; but they had gotten back Basi Bazar, and they had no intention of losing Libya. They stepped in and sent new officials into Tripoli and instituted a policy of systematic opposition to Italy's work throughout the country.

Italy soon found her enterprises obstructed, her citizens subjected to what she considered deliberate persecution, and her progress systematically impeded. Turkey was engaged in taking military measures, which indicated plainly that she was going to hold Libya and not permit herself to be kicked out.

A strong press campaign followed the recognition by the Italian People of the obstructive program pursued by Turkey. After a period of apparent hesitation, Italy declared war on Turkey. To do this, however, without bringing the whole nest of adverse and hostile interests about her ears, it was necessary to reassure her allies in the Triplice that such a move was not a preliminary to further steps that would almost certainly change the Status quo in the Near East. Germany, with her now recognized intentions regarding Mesopotamia and the Berlin-Bagdad Railroad, was constituting herself in a way the guardian of, the Sublime Porte (Ottoman Empire), and Austria was eagerly watchful of anything that might tend to affect adversely her aspiration for the extension of her power over the Balkans. Accordingly, Italy was in the very beginning obliged to yield to their demand that no step should be taken which would affect the Status quo.

Italy's final decision was made in a few hours, and War was Declared September 27, 1911. Her Government, through her Minister for Foreign Affairs, issued on September 30 to the world the grounds which formed the basis of her declaration, and on the same day, her hopes having been dashed

that Turkey might yield on her Declaration of War, she bombarded Tripoli, and within a week the Pasha of Tripoli capitulated and she landed troops sufficient to hold it securely

Italy proceeded promptly to consolidate what she had gained by her first dash. On November 5 she annexed her North African acquisitions---which included Tripoli and Cirenaica---and thus, after nearly fifteen centuries, became once more the possessor of a part of what had once been, possibly, Rome's most cherished past.

Turkey's strength was in sitting still. She was incapable of expelling Italy from North Africa and knew that the other Powers were too intent on securing their portion of the coveted booty to permit Turkish dismemberment at the hands of Italy. She accordingly applied her efforts to keeping up such a defiance as she might in Africa, while she stirred up as much commotion as possible elsewhere. In both of these aims she was successful. In the latter she was so successful that Italy, finding that the war in Africa was not a definitive success and might drag on indefinitely, took the step of attacking Turkey directly, and thus compelling her submission to the North African situation. She accordingly transferred her operations to the Ægean Sea, and as a first step she took possession of the dozen or more islands which Turkey had taken from the Greeks and still held, and she proceeded to threaten Constantinople itself.

The bombardment of the forts at the mouth of the Dardanelles began on the 18th of April, 1912, and the Dardanelles were at once closed. A couple of small Italian war-vessels, however, under command of Captain---afterward Admiral---Millo, penetrated the Dardanelles and returned without serious injury, and the important island of Rhodes and the rest of the dozen Ægean islands were seized.

It was clear that Italy was now seriously bent on reducing Turkey to a position where she must accept her terms. Should Italy's success prove too great, much if not all that they had counted on, and waited for, and striven and intrigued for so earnestly through the years, might be lost irretrievably. The very Equilibrium of Europe, the palladium of European peace and power and opportunity for plunder, was imperiled.

The Peace Treaty between Italy and Turkey was signed at Ouchy, October 15, 1912, and immediately afterward Count Berchtold visited Italy, where he held an important Conference with the Marquis Di San Giuliano (the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs), who later visited Berlin, and the Triple Alliance was renewed (two years before the date set for its expiration) for the 4th time.

The Victory of Italy over Turkey was a shock to the Austrian plan and also to the German plan of a great Middle Europe. Both had, to use the Kaiser's reported statement, "Placed their money on the wrong horse."

Italian dreams of an African empire ended 33 years later when Allied Forces under Field Marshal Montgomery liberated Libya. In 1952, Libya became an independent nation with full membership in the United Nations under King Idris I.

THE PAPER TRAIL

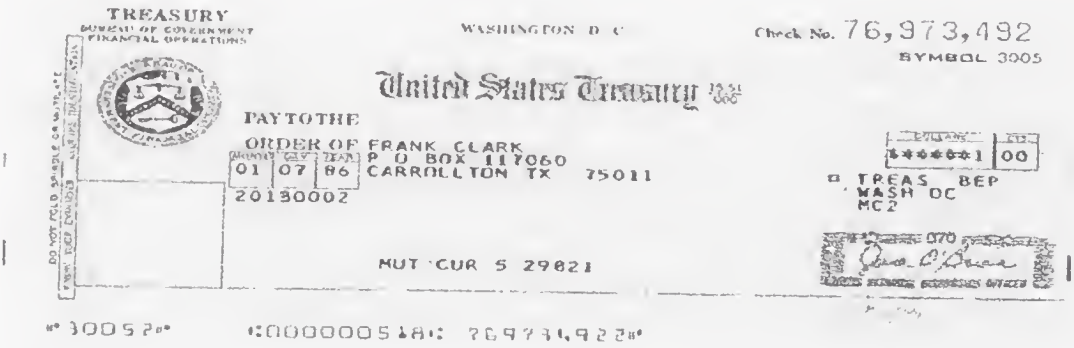
Mutilated Currency Checks

By Frank Clark

I read with great interest Neil Shafer's Paper View column of January 30, 2001 (You, too, may bask in glory of redemption) that discussed him redeeming mutilated currency with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and receiving a U.S. Treasury check for $2.60. I would like to relate my experiences in redeeming currency and obtaining U.S. Treasury checks.

In late 1985, I read that the U.S. government was going to change its checks from a green punched—card check to the Statue of Liberty style of today. I sent in a mutilated $1 FRN to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Office of Currency Standards and was issued a green punched—card check in the amount of $1. I was glad to have gotten the old style check, because a Department of the Treasury advertisement in the February 3, 1986 Newsweek proclaims that 1986's IRS tax refund checks will be of the new style with the engraving of the Statue of Liberty. The reason to change the check styles was to make the checks harder to counterfeit and the fact that the new checks are printed on lighter paper and this would produce a savings of $6 million a year.

After a couple of years~ I decided to get an example of the new check style. Again I sent in a mutilated $1 FRN and received an example of the new U.S. Treasury check with the Statue of Liberty on it in the amount of $1. These were neat additions to my collection and were obtained from the source! Examples of the two styles are shown.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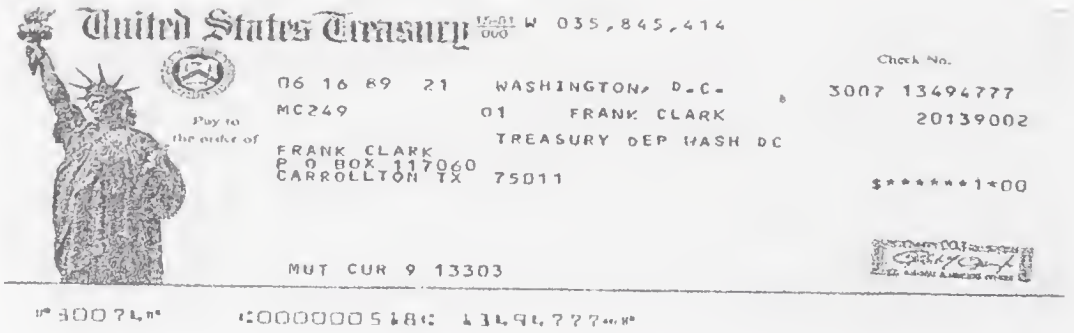
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Who really designed the Roosevelt Dime? Was it the U. S. Mint's Chief Engraver, John Ray Sinnock, whose initials appear on the coins first minted in 1946, or was it sculptor Selma Burke, whose bas-relief submitted as a gift to the President five years earlier bears an uncanny resemblance to the portrait actually used? This nagging question has been raised repeatedly during recent years, and it remains a subject of debate among numismatic scholars.

What is known for certain is that the American public in 1945 was clamoring for some memorial to their fallen leader, whose passing had come just as he was about to enjoy a sweet victory after years of struggle and worry. As World War II was nearing its end in April of that year, Franklin Delano Roosevelt breathed his last, and the free world mourned. The nation's only four-term president died at 63, aged beyond his years by twin burdens of the greatest economic depression in the nation's history and the most devastating war of all time.

Within the Treasury Department, plans were quickly laid for the introduction of a new coin to honor Roosevelt. Since the late president had been afflicted with polio, or infantile paralysis as it was then commonly known, it seemed only natural to place his portrait on the dime. This humble coin was symbolic of the struggle to end polio through the "March of Dimes" fundraising campaign, a project begun during Roosevelt's first term.

In a break with its 40-year tradition of enlisting outside artists in the design of new coins, the Mint assigned this task to Chief Engraver Sinnock. His initial models were submitted to the federal Commission of Fine Arts by Acting Mint Director Leland Howard on October 12, 1945. The Commission rejected them on very specific grounds and recommended an invitational competition for the design of the new dime, naming five accomplished sculptors as candidates. Given the allowable time frame (the coins had to be ready for issue when the 1946 March of Dimes campaign kicked off on the late president's birthday, January 30), this suggestion was quickly rejected by Mint Director Nellie Tayloe Ross.

Instead, Sinnock went back to his workshop to make the desired improvements. His small head of Roosevelt with large mottos was replaced by the now familiar, larger portrait with a miniscule IN GOD WE TRUST. As it fit the available space, LIBERTY remained in large letters but was moved to the left from its former position directly above the portrait. The date, and Sinnock's initials JS, were quite small and appeared below the truncation of Roosevelt's neck. The reverse featured an upright torch, symbolizing freedom, flanked by branches of olive and oak, respectively denoting peace and victory. The motto E PLURIBUS UNUM was awkwardly spaced between these elements in a single line. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ONE DIME were arranged in arcs around the periphery, separated from

one another by ornamental dots. At the eleventh hour, these revised models were approved on January 8, 1946 by the Commission of Fine Arts and Treasury Secretary Fred Vinson. Accompanying this announcement was an order from Director Ross to commence the production of hubs and dies immediately and to begin coinage as soon as possible.

As they would decades later with the claims raised by Selma Burke, John Sinnock's initials JS on the dime provided controversy from the outset. Americans, newly awakened to the post-war threat posed by the Soviet Union, were beginning to imagine Communists behind every tree. A persistent rumor spread that the initials JS were those of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. As absurd as this may seem today, enough Americans were alarmed by the possibility of Communist influence that the Mint was forced to issue a statement identifying the coin's creator and refuting the claims of "Reds" being harbored within its venerable walls.

Coined by the millions every year from 1946 onward, the Roosevelt Dime series has no rare dates, and the only challenge in completing a collection lies in locating scarce varieties or condition rarities. A number of minor hub changes have occurred, the first appearing in 1946 when it was realized that parts of the obverse design were indistinct, including the controversial initials JS. Other modifications are noted during 1964 and 1981. Since then, new hubs have been introduced frequently. This is to compensate for the wear which results from the repeated die sinkings required to meet modern demands for additional coinage. These new hubs appear almost annually, but the changes are so slight as to go unnoticed except by specialists.

Roosevelt dimes have been coined at three mints: Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco. From 1946 through 1964, the mintmark location was just to the left of the base of the torch. From 1968 onward, mintmarks appear above the date. Those struck in Philadelphia carried no mintmark until a letter P was introduced beginning in 1980. Roosevelt dimes coined at the mints in Denver and San Francisco have always been identified by letters D and S, respectively, except during the years 1965-67 when these mintmarks were omitted. All three mints made dimes for circulation through 1955; in March of that year, San Francisco ceased the minting of coins, and for the next ten years its mint was used exclusively as an assay office. The other two mints continued alone until 1965, when the West Coast facility was reactivated in an effort to overcome a nationwide coin shortage. Silver dimes dated 1964 and carrying no mintmark were struck in San Francisco during the last months of 1965.

Although there are no rare dates in the Roosevelt dime series and it is easily completed in mint state, several issues carry notable premiums, particularly in grades MS-65 and higher. These include all of the 1948 and 1949 dimes, 1950-S and 1951-S. Despite their much lower than normal mintages, the three issues dated 1955 were widely hoarded and carry only modest premiums. The only regular-issue coin worth more than its silver bullion value in circulated grades is 1949-S. Points to check for wear on the Roosevelt dime include the highpoints of FDR's hair and cheek and the flame and horizontal bands of the torch.

Proofs were coined at the Philadelphia Mint beginning in 1950, and this date through 1955 are all worth more than subsequent proofs. Coinage of proofs was suspended with the adoption of copper-nickel clad dimes in 1965. No proofs were coined with the dates 1965, 1966 and 1967, but "special mint sets" were coined at the San Francisco Mint that have a prooflike quality to their surfaces. These are not as boldly struck as true proofs. In addition, less care was taken in their handling, and they frequently display nicks and abrasion, even when found in their original packaging. Proof coinage resumed in 1968, this time at the San Francisco Mint. The S-Mint dimes dated 1968 to date are true proofs bearing the letter S and were made exclusively for sale to collectors. Since 1992, these have been coined in both the conventional clad composition and at the old silver standard. The Philadelphia and Denver Mints continue to produce copper-nickel clad dimes for general circulation.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Diameter: 17.9 millimeters; Edge: Reeded

Weight: 2.50 grams (silver); 2.27 grams (CuNi-clad)

Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper (silver); .
.750 copper, .250 nickel bonded to pure copper (CuNi-clad)

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COMING NEXT MONTH: TWENTY-CENT PIECES

THE NEW STATE QUARTERS
A LOOK BEHIND/A LOOK BEHIND

As we end the year, we look back to see what the new quarter program gave us in 2002. Starting with Tennessee celebrating the musical heritage of the state and then going on to Ohio, which celebrated the history of flight with a Wright Brother's plane and an astronaut. Next came Louisiana whose quarter featured a state outline, a trumpet and a brown pelican. The fourth quarter of 2002 was Indiana which chose to honor its' racing legacy with an Indy racecar superimposed over the state. The last quarter to come out was Mississippi which honored its' nickname, "*The Magnolia State*" and had a magnolia blossom.

2003 will be the fifth year of the program and when the last of the five coins makes it appearance in October or so, the program will be half over (unless another year is added to honor DC and other areas). 2003 will certainly be an interesting year, not only for designs, but also for the controversies already in place. The year starts off with the Illinois quarter. As can well be imagined is a tribute to Abraham Lincoln and "*The Land of Lincoln.*" The second quarter honors Alabama and depicts Helen Keller seated in a chair with an open book on her lap. The mid-year quarter is the Arkansas quarter and features a mallard duck in flight, several stalks of rice and a cut diamond. The final designs for the final two quarters have not yet been decided. Maine will show a lighthouse along the Maine coast and a ship at sea. The design originally done by the mint was felt by many to be wrong as it showed a coastline different from the one the lighthouse sits on and the ship was inaccurately pictured. Will the design be changed? The governor of the state has decided to not post the final design on his website to make it public, so anticipation is high! And then there is Missouri! Missouri residents had until noon on November 21 to vote for their favorite of five designs. One depicts an Indian on horseback overlooking a cliff, watching covered wagons; one shows a paddlewheel boat; a third shows a Pony Express rider; a fourth shows a wagon train and the fifth, the controversial depiction of three men in a canoe with the arch in the background. It will be an interesting decision and process!

COMING NEXT MONTH: ILLINOIS

NUMISMATICS on the "WEB"

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August 23 **San Antonio, Texas** **57+ tables**
Summer Alamo Coin Show, sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off I-35 north. Open 9:30AM-5:30 PM, with seminars at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Children's Auction at 2:30 PM. Free admission, parking, hourly door prizes. Tables $95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714. (210)341-6587. E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

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TEXAS HAPPENINGS

DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club (Internet report)

The September 3, 2002, meeting of the Mid-Cites Coin Club was called to order with 27 members present. Merle Owens received a warm-hearted welcome after being away a few months while recovering from knee surgery. Merle expressed his appreciation for the many well wishes and prayers he received during his recovery. Educational handouts were available to everyone compliments of David Lange and NGC. Debbie Williams shared some of the highlights of her trip to the ANA show in New York. John Post, chairman of the 2003 Officer Nomination Committee, asked for committee volunteers. Past Presidents Merle Owens and Jim Waite offered their assistance. Raffle and auction Chairman Jim Fitzgerald polled the membership to determine the satisfaction level of the current auction procedures. The results indicated that the auction is a very popular segment of the meetings and no changes are needed at this time. Secretary Warren Street will also publish the results of a recent survey Jim conducted which reveals the membership's most current and actively collected numismatic items. Jim was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the club. John Post, the club's ANA representative, shared information on a new publication being made available by the ANA to assist clubs educate their community on the hobby of numismatics: *Discover the World of Money*. John said he was extremely impressed with the quality of the publication and had a sample issue available for review. This fun and educational paper is directed toward young and new collectors and can be ordered for the cost of postage only. A motion passed to order 450 copies with a cost of $25.00 to the club. Fifty copies will be donated to the TNA's Coins for A's program and the remainder distributed by individual club members at schools, scouting programs, libraries etc. Nathan Outlaw presented the educational program on his summer seminar adventures while learning the *Detection of Counterfeit and Altered U.S. Coins*. One particular point of interest Nathan discussed was the challenge of detecting some of the most deceptive alterations such as the embossed mintmark. He also said that he had so much fun he hopes to attend both sessions next year. Door and raffle prizes were given away and the meeting adjourned following the monthly auction.

The October 1, 2002, meeting of the Mid-Cites Coin Club was called to order with 26 members and two guests present. Daniel Ragsdale was welcomed as a new member. This was a very interactive meeting with several members sharing short stories about numismatic adventures and experiences they have had through the years. This exchange was very popular! Everyone really seemed to enjoy the stories as well as the

camaraderie. Details were discussed for the club's Christmas party planned for December 3. John Post had received the club's order for *Discover the World of Money* and had the papers available for distribution to members. Greg Dolan was thanked for printing club labels for the papers. Russell Prinzinger invited everyone to visit the newly formed Northeast Tarrant Coin Club. Door and raffle prizes were given away and several items were bought and sold during the monthly auction.

Submitted by Debbie Williams, President

DISTRICT IV

Capital City Coin Club (Internet Report)

The July 20 meeting was called to order by President Francis Smith, 15 members and one new member attended. The club show was a success with about 300 attending. Show and Tell; James Brown: proof 1889 Morgan dollar, Kincade Jamison: an article on the new Texas quarter design and a picture of it. The August 15 meeting called to order by President Smith with 20 members present. The Norris Conference Center at Northcross Mall will be use for the January 18, 2003 coin show in Austin. Show and Tell; Bruce Burton: holder for WWII ration red and blue point tokens. Le-Land Chase-Meadows: commemorative coins from Gibraltar, Isle of Man, and Thailand. Pal Midgett: ancient fin fossil, book on "Texas Heritage of Early Texas Currency", 1958 US proof set, $20 canal bank note. Hal Chesner: The American Series-The Presidents Set. Moton Crockett: Bronze C coin from Korea 1881 1 mum. Roger Moulton: two large notes of $5 and $! 10. Door prize drawings and auctions followed both meetings.

Submitted by: Francis Smith, Club President

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The September 19 meeting of the Collin County Coin Club began with 21 members in attendance. Gary Rollins ran the auction. John McCraw presented a short program on an 1856 handwritten, Collin County Property Deed. Lottery winners were; Tony Hales - 1959 Mint Set; Victor Elizondo--Mercury Dime; Bill Nelson - U.K. Mint Set Steve Anderson - Texas Rangers Medal; Dom Demchak - Buffalo Nickel. Don Demchak requested that the club obtain a coin grading course, possibly from the ANA. Don will look into obtaining the course material for the club.

The October meeting was held on Thursday, October 17, 2002 with 22 members. There were four guests present at the October 17 meeting, Don Moody, Ron and Linda Edelstein and Billy Bob Gilbert. Door prize winners were Becky Elizondo, Ron Edelstein and Don Poletti. Lotto prizewinners were Linda Edelstein and David Linacre. Kim Groves and Adam Hamner ran the 24-lot auction. Jim McCraw gave a presentation on collecting ancient coins. The club welcomed two new members: Ron Edelstein and Billy Bob Gilbert.

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

Due to the delayed arrival of President Mike Grant, Vice President Stewart Huckaby presided at the September meeting with 16 members present. Treasurer Larry Herrera reported the Franchise Tax Report had been filed with the State Comptroller. The minutes of the August meeting were approved. It was reported that Heritage has a job opening in Customer Services; contact Charlie Mead for more information. Upcoming Coin Shows announced included the Collin County Show the first weekend in October, the Fort Worth Show the second weekend in November and the Grapevine Show both the second weekend in October and the first weekend in December. Stewart gave the Vice President's report on upcoming programs. David Swann will give the November program on Patriotic Civil War tokens. President Mike Grant reminded everyone of the November Club elections. Announced candidates so far include Larry Herrera for President, Stewart Huckaby for Vice President, Hal Cherry for Secretary, and no candidate for Treasurer. Mike has sent a letter to the ANA concerning our Club's willingness to help with the upcoming Dallas Show but has no reply yet. Mark Gee reported on recently going to the ANA museum in Colorado Springs. Mike announced he bought out Huston Pearson's coin shop and reopened on September 3. He still plans on doing about 20 coin shows a year. Charlie Mead gave the program on coin grading. In the "examination" Jay Rudo guessed five of the ten grades. During Show and Tell, Frank Clark showed a War Bond Certificate, Ben Hong a wooden nickel, and Stewart Huckaby coins related to football. Walter Collins, Jesse Sanchez, Bill Yates, Gary Dobbins, David Swann, Ben Hong, and Frank Clark won door prizes. The raffle made an $11 profit and the winners were Mike Grant, twice, Gary Dobbins, Harold Clevenger, twice, Jay Rudo and Bill Yates. Fourteen items were sold during the auction.

Submitted by: Larry Herrera

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The October 7 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club began with the editor recognizing the final member that needed to receive an IOU from the past meeting. The editor told the treasurer where he was sitting, so that when it was drawing time, he could give this person the IOUs needed. Tim Conway and Ed Stephens reminded about the coin shows in this southern region of the United States. A show in Grapevine sponsored by the Pike Family, in the current issue of the Texas Numismatic Association's TNA news. Finally a silver dollar show in Saint Louis. John Evans and Ed Stephens had more information about the nickel slabs that Carl Schwenker brought at a past meeting. Ed stated that if you wanted something slabbed talk with Michael Doyle. Another member stated that Michael Doyle is available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Contact Collectors Coins for details. Tim Conway

noted that the club has started to make plans for the Christmas Party. More plans later in this paragraph. Jerry Clemons, Brian Holland and Tom Windsheimer discussed an online auction of unclaimed property at the Sam Houston Racetrack. Jerry Clemons presented a website for this online auction, **window.state.tx.us.** Annette Bing, John Evans, Alan Perry and Ed Stephens started to discuss the Christmas Party. Currently it's Frankie Mondolas or Buffet Express. Some members were tired of these locations, wanting a new party location. A committee was voted on and created for a location search. The committee is Annette Bing and Jean Pavlovic. The program for tonight was about "What an American Numismatic Association Seminar Offers." presented by Ginger Bing.

The October 21, 2002 meeting began with Tom Bermel giving a summary of the Bellaire Coin Show in August. The summary was a list of the basic expenses involved with any coin show. Tom will have a better summary with final totals. Ron Miller asked the outcome of the number of shows the club would schedule each year. It was confirmed that the club would have two shows in 2003. Ed Stephens announced the chairpersons for each show. All other information will be confirmed by January, when the city of Houston will have the Money Show of the Southwest at the Greenspoint Mall Expo Center. Tim Conway, Brian Holland, Ron Miller and Ed Stephens announced that Jim Bevill has volunteered to have the Christmas party at his house. Jim Bevill will choose the date to have the party. One member wondered if the type of food presented at the party be changed. Tim Conway noted that on November 4 Sebastian Frommhold would do a program about porcelain coins. November 18, Jim Bevill will do a program; Jim Bevill will confirm the title during the meeting. Ron Miller thanked the club for the card; he received for running the snack bar area during the August show. The other members that volunteered as chairperson already received their thank you cards. Ron Miller stated a few suggestions about the next show for the snack bar area. Ron Miller was on a trip in East Texas, he noted that in his change he found a 1940 Jefferson nickel. Someone must have forgot that this coin is valuable and bought something with it, by mistake. The program for tonight was Show and Tell. The following members presented a short program, Dennis Beasley, Tom Bermel, Kevin Conway, Tim Conway, Ed Stephens. Kevin Conway won the Show and Tell prize.

Greater Houston Coin Club (*"Double shift"*-club newsletter)

The September meeting of the Greater Houston Coin Club began with 18 members and 9 visitors present. Minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted. A report on the January *"2003 Money Show of the Southwest"* was given. The new meeting location was described and the site was unanimously accepted. After door prizes were awarded and visitors were introduced, the program was given by Sebastain Frommhold on 8-Reales coins. A short auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, *("Alamo Coin Clips"*-- Club Newsletter)

The September 12 meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had 29 members and 3 guests present. The member roundtable began the meeting with many interesting numismatic items shown. Door prizes, a raffle and a children's auction preceeded a member bourse that was well received.

The September 26 meeting had a record 44 people in attendance, including two guests. The member roundtable began the meeting with many interesting numismatic items shown. After a short business meeting, the awarding of door and raffle prizes, a short auction closed the meeting.

The October 10 meeting had a 37 people in attendance. The member roundtable began the meeting with many interesting numismatic items shown. After a short business meeting, the awarding of door and raffle prizes, the program was given on Carson City Silver Dollars. The presenter gave the geological, geographical and political background for the erratic mintage totals throughout their issue. A short auction closed the meeting.

The October 24 meeting had a 38 people in attendance, including one guest. The member roundtable began the meeting with many interesting numismatic items shown. After a short business meeting, the awarding of door and raffle prizes, a short auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The South Plains Coin Club met Oct. 15th. with 20 members present. Club President called for nominations for club officers for 2003. All offices had nominations and additional nominations will be accepted at the Nov. 19th. meeting. The Christmas party and charity will be Dec. 10th. Sharron asked everyone to solicit donations for the auction. Danny's Hens and Fins will cater the meal. This years auction proceeds will go to the Hospice of Lubbock, Hippo-Therapy and South Plains Coin Club. Jimmy Jones gave this months program about the 1933 $20.00 gold coin. An auction closed the meeting. **Submitted by Lamonte Pitzer TNA Gov. #9**

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Lamb County Coin Club Oct. 22nd. Meeting had nine members and one guest, Ben Cave, present. Earnest Mills asked each one present if they had anything to bring up for discussion. Harvey said we had one door prize left. Larry said we still have money in the bank. Lamonte Pitzer discussed the TNA board meeting in McKinney. He invited everyone to the South Plains Coin Club Christmas party and invited anyone to make a donation if they desired to. Earnest Mills said we will have a club fundraiser auction at the Nov. meeting. He said we will not have a meeting in Dec. due to the holidays. Mrs. Keithley won the door prize. A trade session followed.

Sumbitted by: Lamonte Pitzer TNA Governor # 9

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club of El Paso (Club Newsletter)

The August 1 meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso had 30 people in attendance. After a short business meeting that included updates on a couple of ill members, the awarding of door and raffle prizes, a short auction closed the meeting

The August 15 meeting had 31 members and one guest in attendance. After a short business meeting, the latest in numismatic news was given and a member gave a review of the double die and ½ cent pieces in his collection. The awarding of door and raffle prizes closed the meeting.

The September meeting had 39 members in attendance. After a short update from the board of directors meeting, the latest in numismatic news was given. The awarding of door and raffle prizes before a short auction closed the meeting.

The Septeber 19 meeting had 31 members and two guests in attendance. After a short business meeting, the latest in numismatic news was given and the meeting was adjourned to the member bourse.

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Golden Spread Coin Club met on Sept 9. there were 15 members present. The meeting was at the new southwest library. David Cass introduced Linda Bagwell of the Library. She told us about the new library. All the nice reading areas, separate area's for children & good meeting rooms. President Winton presented her with a certificate for giving our program that night. Minutes were approved with a slight correction. We had a lot of discussion about the success of the recent coin show. Several people were named specifically for the work they did from selling tickets to the raffle, fixing electrical outlets & planning the hospitality dinner. The show was truly a success. We will have our annual Christmas party at Desperados this year. Tommy Tompkins showed a half-dollar that was magnetic! He also showed us a big supply of wooden nickels he had. Charles Miller showed us a token book he had bought on ebay. Also showed us some medals he had bought from local Texas towns. Meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT XIII

Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)

The regular monthly meeting was held on 7 October. There were eight members present. Gene Wheeler gave a report on coin shows that he had attended recently. Secretary George Woodburn presented a great program on "Stamp Collecting", including what kinds of stamps you might want to collect and what philatelic reference books you might need to assist you. Bill Howard was the winner of the membership prize, a 2002 U.S. Silver Eagle Dollar. Raffle prizes were won by: Mary Jane Whyborn, a 1968

Proof Set; a 1972 Mint Set and a 1966 Mint Set; and, Joann Howard, a roll of 1944 Wheat Cents. Bill Howard conducted a 15-lot auction.

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor, District 13

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club (Internet Report)

The regular monthly meeting was held on 26 September. There were 13 members present and one visitor. Treasurer Connolly O'Brien presented an outstanding program on the Mormon trek that brought them from New York and eventually to Utah and Nevada where they found one of, if not, **the** richest silver discovery ever. The black sand they encountered was so rich in silver that it assayed out to 3,000 ounces to the ton. Gold was also plentiful, as well, with 876 ounces per ton. In the years before the 1870's, they extracted more than $300 million on their trek to Carson City. These persecuted worshipers certainly had the last laugh on their persecutors. Mary Jane Whyborn was the winner of the membership prize, a 1961 U.S. Proof Set. Raffle prizes were won by: Robbie Robinson, a 1991 BU Eisenhower Centennial Dollar and Dan Gary, a 2001 BU U.S. Silver Eagle Dollar. Morris Lemond conducted a 19-lot auction from three consignors.

The regular monthly meeting was held on 24 October. There were eleven members present. It was moved and accepted that the November meeting be held on the third Thursday, as the fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. It was also moved that the annual Christmas party again be held at the Church Fellowship Hall and that the members of the Texoma Stamp Club be invited, as is our custom. When President Robinson appointed a Nominating Committee, the committee members, Tony Zupkas and John Van Dunk, suggested the club retain the current slate of officers. It was so moved and accepted. John Van Dunk presented a program on "Porcelain Notgeld". Bud Reynolds was the winner of the membership prize, a 1964 U.S. Proof Set. Winners of the raffle prizes were: Butch Krasovic, a 2001 U.S. Silver Eagle Dollar and Mary Jane Whyborn, a 1986 Proof Ellis Island Commemorative. President Robinson conducted a 12-lot auction.

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor, District 13

District XV

The four clubs in this district, held their annual show in September. It was a good show for dealers as well for the clubs. There was a children's auction with many lots of good material donated by the club members. This annual show is what finance the four local clubs. I would like to thank everyone that worked to put this show on. I would like to thank the dealers that support this show each year. All four clubs have been very activate this year. It is almost time for the election of new officers. They are also all planning their Christmas parties. Its time to elect new officers for TNA and I hope that one of you might volunteer to take the governors spot for this

district. I've enjoyed my time that I have served as your Governor. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Barbara Williams, District Governor 15

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Dollars and Cents--Club Newsletter)

The October 3rd meeting of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club was cancelled due to a multi-county voluntary evacuation order announced at 6 AM on Wednesday, October 2. The evacuation notice was given because Hurricane Lili, a category 4 storm was forecasted to make landfall near Port Arthur, just a few miles from where we meet. The evacuation was deemed a success with approximately 60% of the population leaving town for the piney woods of East Texas and points beyond. Many residents boarded up their windows and headed for higher ground, including the gentleman that our Club President borrows the meeting room key from each month. The Jefferson County Airport had also closed its doors and we were unable to meet in our alternate location. Fortunately Hurricane Lili weakened as it moved into cooler waters of the Northern Gulf of Mexico. She also made a Northward turn into the Bayou Country of Louisiana. By the time she hit land near New Iberia, Louisiana, her winds had diminished to 100 mph. Some of our members are from the Lake Charles area and we are thankful that they were spared the brunt of the storm. Our Club President did an excellent job of phoning our membership to report the cancelled meeting

Submitted by: Carlton Simmons - Secretary

District XVII

Waco Coin Club (Wacoinews—club newsletter)

The September meeting of the Waco Coin Club had 25 members present. Minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted. The club was reminded of the new meeting location to begin in October. A report was given on the club's display at two area banks. It was well received by the public. A member show and tell preceded the awarding of door prizes and raffle prizes which closed the meeting.

The October meeting had 34 members and guests present. Minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted. A report on the club's bank display and new meeting location was given. The club voted to nominate Paul Garner for another term as TNA governor and Joe Olson for President. A member show and tell preceded the awarding of door prizes and raffle prizes which closed the meeting.

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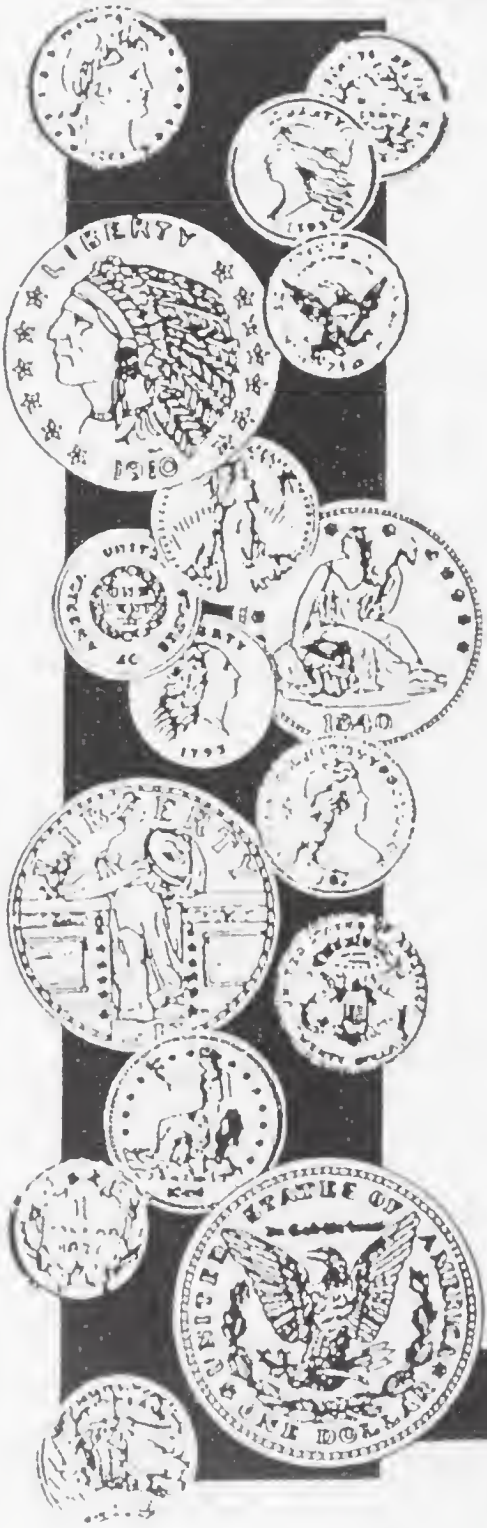

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